

EXHIBIT A



July 3, 2019

Hugh Gilmore
Freedom of Information Officer
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Dear Mr. Gilmore:

Under terms of the Freedom of Information Act, Kaiser Health News seeks copies of records in the possession of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Specifically, we are requesting Medicare Advantage Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) reviews for the payment years 2011, 2012 and 2013, including both the audit spreadsheets and payment error calculations, including any extrapolations. We are not seeking the names, or dates of birth of any Medicare beneficiaries. The CMS press office has advised us that at least 90 of these audits have been conducted for these three years.

Also requested is all correspondence, memoranda, emails or other records of any meetings, communications or enforcement actions concerning these audits and Medicare Advantage providers involved. Please provide the materials in an electronic format.

We also are requesting all correspondence, memoranda, emails or other records concerning the January 2017 decision to move the RADV audit program from the CMS Center for Medicare to the agency's Center for Program Integrity.

CMS statistics show that more than 22.6 Americans receive their health care through Medicare Advantage insurers -- more than one in three people on Medicare. Because release of this information is clearly in the public interest and we are a media requestor, I ask that you waive any fees for production of this material and that this request be treated as a simple request under CMS rules.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention. We can be reached during business hours.

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